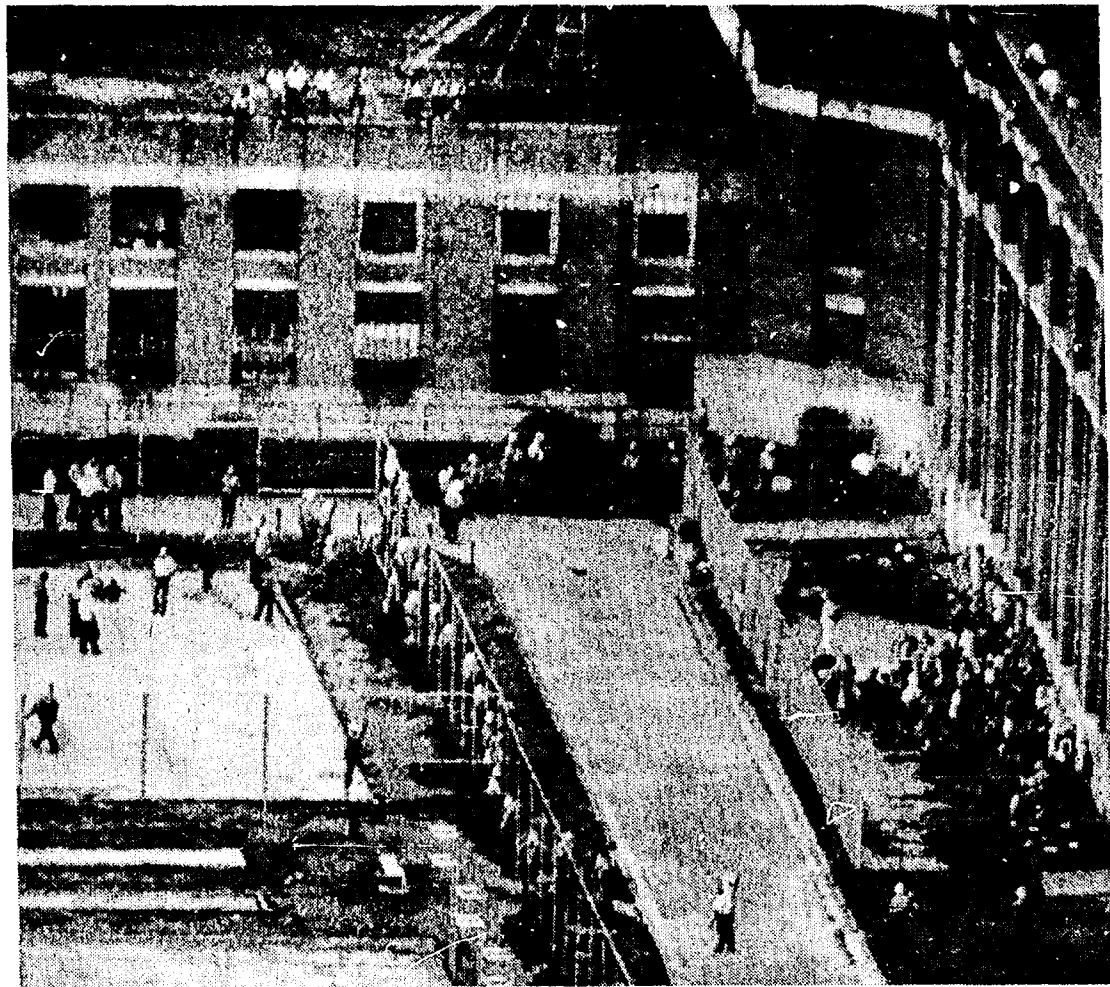




MY FRIEND ETHEL—THE DRAKE: Marcia Wiebenga of Holland received a pet domestic mallard duck a few days after it hatched and named it Ethel. The Wiebenga family recently learned that Ethel is a he, not a she, but the name will remain the same. Marcia and Ethel have become steadfast friends, and daily workout in Lake Macatawa is part of routine. Ethel recently learned to fly, and

usually begins workout with a quick sweep around trailer park where Wiebenga's reside. Then it's into the water, although Ethel often has easy workout (left). The duck and her mistress exchange admiring glances (center), and it seems Ethel has even learned the human mode of expressing affection, right. (AP Wirephotos)

Prison Strike Quelled At Jackson



PRISONERS STRIKE: An estimated 125 Southern Michigan Prison inmates at Jackson occupied a portion of the prison yard Thursday afternoon, refusing orders to return to their cells. The dis-

turbance began in the license plate plant in an apparent dispute over wage disparities and seniority rights. Inmates are against wall, lower right, as guards circle around them. (AP Wirephoto)

Wage, Seniority Demands Voiced

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — A spontaneous strike by about 500 inmates at Southern Michigan prison was quelled Thursday evening after guards used tear gas and officials listened to prisoners' grievances.

Prison officials said the six-hour sit-in was touched off when about 15 men left the license plate shop about noon and began voicing complaints. They were joined by about 250 others as word of their walkout spread.

Dan Trudell, acting administrative assistant to the warden, said no injuries or damages resulted from the confrontation, although one inmate was hospitalized because of exposure to the tear gas.

Officials described the prison as calm but tense after the walkout. Deputy Warden Dale Foltz said he and an assistant conferred with prisoners and although there was some confusion over demands, wages and seniority seemed to be the main points of contention. Hot weather also played a part, he said.

The crowd thinned to about 170 after prison officials asked them to disperse. The remaining prisoners began shouting demands to the warden, prison spokesmen said, and some started to run for a nearby textiles building but stopped when two blank warning shots were fired.

About 160 officers, 18 of them state policemen, were at the prison when the tear gas was fired by 70 guards standing in the yard. The prisoners were herded into a detention yard where they were searched and then returned to their cells where they were fed.

Newsman were allowed inside the prison but did not talk to inmates.

The Jackson facility, which houses about 2,400 inmates, is the world's largest walled prison and currently is being phased out of use.

Weekend Showers Predicted

Spirits and nearly everything else may be dampened during the first part of the Labor Day weekend as the weatherman has predicted chances of showers in Michigan through Sunday.

Although southwestern Michigan won a respite from 90-degree heat yesterday with scattered showers in the morning, the skies cleared and an unofficial high of 83 was reported about 3 p.m.

The eastern portion of the nation, however, remained under a stagnant, hot and humid weather system, with Boston, New York, and Philadelphia reporting temperatures in the 80s.

Many eastern cities today were facing water shortages and continuing electrical problems, with the National Weather Service predicting no relief from the heat there until after the Labor Day weekend.

HEADING HOME: Their swim finished, Marcia and Ethel start the long trek home—a walk that is slightly longer for Ethel's five-inch stride.

Parents Ask To Let Injured Son Die

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Told by doctors that there was no hope their 20-year-old son would recover from traffic accident injuries, Lester and Madeline Wojcik asked that he be allowed to die and that his kidneys be used to help someone else live. "If Paul could have decided, that's what he would have wanted," Mrs. Wojcik said after doctors removed breathing tubes that were keeping her son alive.

'Ford Has A Better Idea'

Other Countries Want It

DETROIT (AP) — A Romanian government official and a Ford research engineer are being held today on charges of conspiring to steal a secret glass-making process from the automaker's files.

An official of the Romanian

diplomatic corps in Washington also was implicated but not arrested, FBI agents said Thursday.

Alexandru Patrascu, 46, an official in the Romanian Ministry of Light Industry, was charged with conspiring with John C. Akfirat, 39, of Ann Arbor, Mich., in a plan to steal the glass-making secrets.

Ford officials said Akfirat worked with a "float-glass process," a system for the manufacture of glass used by Ford in connection with a license agreement from Pilkington Brothers, Ltd., Liverpool, England. The data concerning the glass-making process were to have remained secret under terms of Ford's agreement with the English company.

At his arraignment before a U.S. Magistrate in Detroit, Akfirat was ordered held in Wayne County Jail when he was unable to post \$100,000 bond, and Patrascu was held in lieu of \$50,000.

Neil J. Welch, special agent in charge of the FBI in Detroit, said agents took Panel L. Mangu into custody. Mangu,

second secretary of the Romanian Embassy in Washington, was questioned in connection with the alleged plot and released after confirmation of his diplomatic immunity status, Welch said.

Akfirat was arrested first, while at work, and charged with stealing the secrets and conspiring to sell them to a Portuguese firm for \$250,000.

FBI officials said Akfirat may have been trying to sell the secrets to more than one country, thus accounting for the Romanian involvement in the case.

The FBI said the Covina Companhia Vidreira Nacional manufacturing firm in Lisbon wanted the data for the construction and operation of a European glass manufacturing facility.

Akfirat was to have been paid \$250,000 for the data, in addition to being employed by Covina at \$2,500 per month during the building of the European facility, an FBI affidavit said.

The affidavit said Ford first learned of the possible security leak Aug. 8 when a Pilkington

attorney telephoned R.G. Harris, general counsel for the automaker. Ford immediately notified the FBI.



CHARGED: Alexandru Patrascu, 46, an official in the Romanian Ministry of Light Industry, is taken by FBI agents, left photo, after arrest Thursday. He has been charged, along with John C. Akfirat, 39, right, a Ford Motor Co., engineer, with attempting to steal a secret glass-making process from the auto company. (AP Wirephoto)

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Although the threat of widespread Labor Day protest shutdowns of the nation's gasoline stations has diminished, dealers still are unhappy over the prospects of Phase 4 price rollbacks which have been postponed until Sept. 8.

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At Blossom Lanes. Wanted women or teams for day leagues. Nursery service available. Ph. 927-3174. Adv.

William's & Co. will be closed Sat. thru Mon. due to the holiday. Adv.

Typical of nationwide displeasure over price controls are Michigan gasoline dealers who are talking about the threat of 'Phase 4 Fever' when the controls do become effective.

Approximately 1,000 members of the Michigan Petroleum Dealer association met Thursday night to discuss the implications of Phase 4 and many seem eager to fight the restrictions by closing their stations.

When a voice from the floor advocated mass closures on an illness pretext, the association's director, Charles Shipley, said:

"I can't tell everyone in this room to get sick, but with what the Cost of Living Council has done to you, you should be sick. And if this makes you sick, especially on the effective date of the order, so be it."

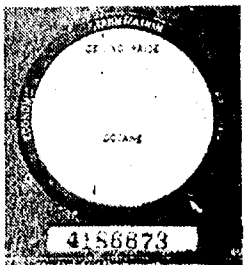
Shipley's statement was greeted by scattered cries of "close 'em down."

The American Automobile Association in Washington said the council's decision did not appear "to be triggering a widespread shutdown of gas stations across the nation."

The AAA nonetheless advised

motorists to fill gas tanks early in the day and avoid long-distance and night driving.

The Phase 4 ceilings, which were to have gone into effect Saturday, were delayed by a court challenge from the dealers. Court action to block the regulations is still pending.



PUMP STICKER
Will Note
Celling Price

Lake Temperature

The temperature of Lake Michigan at shoreline today is 77 degrees.

Bowlers — Need 2 ladies low average teams. Mon. 8 p.m., Wil-O-Paw Lanes, adv.

Water To Be Desalted

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. (AP) — The United States will build the world's largest desalting plant to help settle a 12-year dispute with Mexico over the quality of Colorado River water, the Western White House has announced.

The desalting plant, to be located in Arizona, will be in accord with a new U.S.-Mexican water agreement approved by President Nixon and Mexican President Luis Echeverria.

City of St. Joseph rubbish collection scheduled for Mon., Sept. 3 will be picked up Tues., Sept. 4. Adv.

Golf at Paw Paw Lake. Adv.

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Editorial Page

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Nixon Loses Round 1 On The Tapes

Judge John J. Sirica who fired the first blast on the Watergate affair by publicly questioning the veracity of the first batch of defendants pleading guilty to the illegal burglarizing of the Democratic national headquarters has blown a short whistle on President Nixon's secreting the taped conversations on the incident.

The G.O.P. appointee to the federal district bench at Washington ruled Wednesday that the President should permit Sirica to examine the tapes to determine what parts of them are nobody's business except Nixon's and what portions might be played before the Watergate grand jury.

If the two are so jumbled that to disclose evidence of everyday hanky panky for which the ordinary citizen can be jailed would also reveal affairs of state which should be kept in confidence, then, declared Sirica, the tapes cannot go to the grand jury.

If the sheep can be separated from the goats, then the goat feed can be delivered over to the grand jury, he continued.

He delayed the effective date of his order for five days so the government attorneys representing Nixon can appeal the decision. Most likely the White House legal battery will ask the Supreme Court to take the appeal directly, bypassing the court of appeals.

The basis for Judge Sirica's opinion is his theory of executive privilege or Presidential confidentiality.

It is not, he reasons, the absolute authority asserted by Nixon and all of his predecessors.

Rather it is a judicial prerogative to determine if the President is overstepping his Constitutional stance, assuming too much, in other words.

Sirica's approach is tantamount to offering a deal to Nixon.

The judge concedes he lacks the physical power to enforce his order, but says this should not deter a court from deciding the ethics of the struggle. In effect, he is saying to Nixon he can be trusted to give the benefit of the slightest doubt on whether the tapes contain evidence relevant to Watergate and nothing more.

Nixon consistently has rejected this species of executive-judicial harmony, though he has said he will abide by a final decision.

This means a Supreme Court statement.

It will be exceedingly interesting, therefore, if the high court, most of whose justices are of a Nixon leaning, will accept Judge Sirica's tempered construction of the Constitution.

The dispute is mired in the fuzziest concept of our legal system.

Theoretically, the Constitution

They Got Meandered Right Out Of A Country

An interesting thing is going to happen soon in federal courts in Texas. Procedures will be undertaken to obtain American citizenship papers for residents of the border town of Rio Rico, Mexico, who all their lives have believed they were Mexican national.

This move is not based on any sudden mass yen to be Americans, but on a geographical quirk that dates back to 1906. In that year the Rio Grande River changed course and placed Rio Rico — until then an American town — on the Mexican side of the border. This apparently struck no one at the time as being of any great significance, and the river's shift was soon forgotten.

The secret was unearthed a few years ago by an Arizona State University geography professor, James E. Hill Jr. As a result of his findings, practically everyone in the town of 300 or so apparently qualifies for U.S. citizenship.

An agreement has now been reached whereby Mexico will trade an unoccupied piece of land for Rio Rico and the town will in fact become part of that country. Not so the townspeople. Some are eager to move across the border as soon as they get their U.S. citizenship papers. Others plan to stay on — but as Americans living in Mexico, enjoying certain perquisites of U.S. citizenship they hadn't known they were entitled to.

We draw no profound conclusions from all this. It's just intriguing that such a change will be wrought thanks to the discovery that the Rio Grande kicked up its heels and misplaced a town nearly 70 years ago.

Sand covers less than a fifth of the vast Sahara, National Geographic says. The rest is a harsh world of gravel plains, stark mountains, and dry salt lakes



GLANCING BACKWARDS

**SJ TEACHERS
RECEIVE 3.14 HIKE**
— 1 Year Ago —
St. Joseph Board of Education and the St. Joseph Education today announced they had reached agreement on a master contract they described as hiking teacher salaries 3.14 per cent.

Increases will range from \$254 to \$455 a year. Salary adjustments under the new contract provide that a beginning teacher will receive \$8,325, and the matchin bachelor's degree salary after 11 years will be \$12,737.

**YACHT RACE
BOGGED DOWN**
— 10 Years Ago —
Eight sailboats were sighted, about six miles off St. Joseph late this morning as the end of an almost-windless first leg of the Tri-State sailing regatta slowly approached.

One local boat in the race is the 35-foot sloop Mara, owned and skippered by Kent Hughes of St. Joseph. The Mara's crew includes Bill Campbell, Jim Taylor, Hank Handy and Ron Sisson.

**ACTOR PLAYED YORE,
IN WEEK OF FIRE**
— 29 Years Ago —
Out at the House of David amusement park, Grant Gardner puts on a bell-ringing act as part of Chic Bell's nightly show.

The same Swiss four-in-hand bells which Gardner is using in his House of David act were entertaining customers at the old Yore opera house in Benton Harbor 48 years ago.

GANG JAILED
— 39 Years Ago —
Three more members of an alleged counterfeiting gang operating in southwestern Michigan, were jailed by Sheriff Charles L. Miller and his deputies and secret service agents in South Bend.

**INSPECTION BRANCH
OPENED**
— 49 Years Ago —
A twin city branch of the state bureau of foods and standards maintained by the department of agriculture, has been opened in Benton Harbor. William H. Esslinger, state supervisor of fruit and vegetable inspection, will have full charge of compulsory inspections.

LOCAL MOVIES FILMED
— 59 Years Ago —
The movie men are here and will take pictures of bright spots in St. Joseph this next week. The crowds in Lake Front park and Silver Beach will be photographed and State street will be "shot." These pictures, together with feature films will be shown at the Star theater.

YACHT PULLS INTO PORT
— 83 Years Ago —
The yacht Countess of Chicago came in Sunday with a merry party of ladies and gentlemen who enjoyed themselves about town until the middle of the afternoon when they started back to Chicago.

Man Bound Over In Shotgun Death

Edgar Cohn, 65, of 1154 East Main street, Benton township, was bound over to Berrien Circuit court on open charge of murder.

Cohn remains lodged in the county jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond. He is accused of the shotgun death of Sarah Lynn at her home in Benton township, Aug. 20.

Three other persons also were bound over to Circuit court and five were sentenced in Berrien Fifth District court Thursday.

Bound over were:

George Bowers, 19, of Walton road, Buchanan, on a charge of delivery of a derivative of barbituric acid in Buchanan, July 3. He waived examination and remains free on \$1,000 bond.

Terry D. Rach, 20, of Route 1, Berrien Springs, on a charge of delivery of marijuana in Oronoko township, May 18. He remains free on \$5,000 bond.

Coris J. Cooper, 40, of 1850 Highland, Benton Harbor, on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon, a .38 caliber revolver in Benton township, Aug. 19. He remains free on \$500 bond.

Demanding examination on two counts of attempting to take indecent liberties with two minor girls in New Buffalo, Aug. 30, was James E. Smith, 38, of 109 East Mechanic street, New Buffalo. He was lodged in the county jail in lieu of \$3,500 bond.

The following persons have been sentenced in Fifth District court:

Joe S. Arledge, 39, of Route 1, Baroda, fine and costs of \$200 or a maximum of 30 days in jail for driving under the influence of

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

500 PEOPLE SIGN BOTTLE PETITION

Editor,

Perhaps your many readers who stopped at the United for Survival, Inc. booth at the Berrien County Youth Fair, and who signed the petition in support of returnable beverage containers, would like to know how we came out on it. We are pleased to report that we got over 500 signatures which have now been turned over to the Returnable Coalition Organization in Detroit.

Such spontaneous support on the part of Berrien county citizens has gone a long way toward reaffirming our conclusions formulated after our summer's operation of the recycling center at Sears in 1971, namely, that people are aware and distressed over the mounds of solid waste our society is producing and that they are willing to go back to returnable bottles and would support municipal recycling programs.

It is long past time for our municipalities to get into the area of once-a-month pick up of recyclable items such as newspapers, glass and cans.

Margie Hartwig
St. Joseph

Man Accused Of Rustling

ST. JOHNS, Mich. (AP) — An alleged cattle rustler was arrested this week after a Grand Lodge farmer spotted the man's car near his farm.

Orvin Forbes, 34, of Portland was charged with larceny of livestock and accused of shooting and butchering one of the farmer's cows.

Clinton County sheriff's deputies said Forbes apparently had been supplying beef for bars in a three-county area.

Bruce Blossat

Nixon Contradicts
Self On Watergate

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Step by step, President Nixon is laying down so much wordage about Watergate that it is becoming almost as difficult to analyze his public utterance on the subject as to weigh the millions of words of conflicting testimony offered thus far to the Ervin Senate committee.

In the face of such a mountain of material, the commenting observer had better be humble. There is no way, even in a month's output of columns, to make an adequate point-by-point analysis comparing the President's statements with that committee testimony.

As indicated, the testimony is conflicting and it is obvious that some witnesses have committed perjury. Such a detailed exercise in comparison will tax to the limit the Ervin committee itself, which has all the testimony computerized to aid it in ultimately trying to resolve conflicts and determine who lied and who told the truth.

I have heard of no one who is similarly computerizing what Mr. Nixon has said of Watergate in his comments in 1972 on Aug. 29 and in 1973 on April 17, April 30, May 22, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22.

Still, there are certain limited avenues open to the reporting observer. One is to test a given presidential utterance for internal consistency, and against genuinely established fact. By that measure, I found Mr. Nixon's Aug. 15 speech flawed by internal contradiction.

Since his California press conference comes so close upon the heels of that speech, it seems fair to consider the two events virtually as one — and apply the same gauge.

With the speech fresh in mind, I read every word of the President's press conference aloud, bouncing it off a close listener and letting its meaning sink in. Once again, self-contradiction stands out.

In speech, Mr. Nixon made a large point of the fact that on March 21 of this year John Dean, his former counsel, reversed what he had been reporting to the President for 10 months and said all previous accounts absolving White House and re-election committee aides of blame for Watergate were untrue.

Seven days later, in his press conference the other day, Mr. Nixon makes no reference to Dean's reversal of judgment — which in the context of the Aug. 15 speech appeared to embrace not only the Watergate break-in but the subsequent cover-up.

Indeed, this time, by narrowing his focus to the matter of the break-in alone, the President gave the listener and reader exactly the opposite impression of what Dean conveyed to him on March 21.

Mr. Nixon at San Clemente said, "Throughout our discussions in March, Mr. Dean insisted that there was not — and I use his words — 'a scintilla of evidence' indicating that anyone on the White House staff was involved in the planning of the Watergate break-in." Obviously, since he includes the whole of March, the President must include conversations with Dean on March 21. Not in any answer he gave on Aug. 22 is there the slightest reference to the Dean turnaround that Mr. Nixon himself reported just a week earlier.

Marianne Means

Congress Working
Despite Watergate

WASHINGTON — President Richard Nixon's complaint that Congress has been too preoccupied with the Watergate scandal to tend to business is more fantasy than fact.

The President has urged that Watergate be pushed aside without further investigation outside the courts because it is distracting Congress from its real job.

"Legislation vital to your health and well-being sits untended on the Congressional calendar," Nixon said in his speech after the Senate hearings recessed.

It is politically convenient for Nixon to produce reasons other than the damage to his own Presidency for trying to persuade the public to forget Watergate.

But the record indicates that accusing Congress of inattention to legislative problems is not a valid argument. In fact, in comparison with the White House, Congress has been functioning very effectively.

In the past few months, the President has sent no legislative initiatives to Capitol Hill. He has not even submitted measures for the Watergate reforms he promised in April. Nor has he been noticeably energetic in lobbying for bills such as trade reform which he has said are vital.

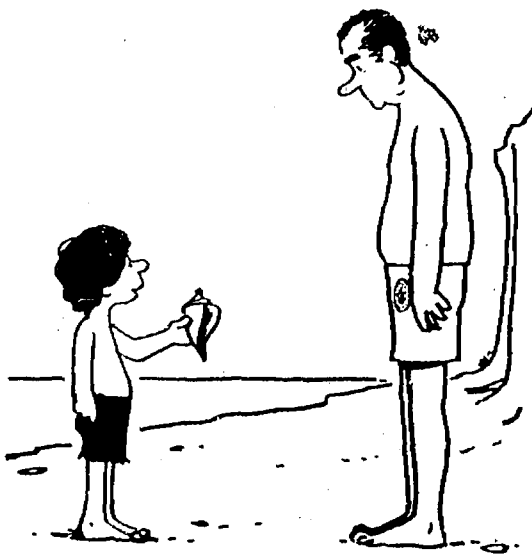
During that period, it is true, seven Senators have been absorbed in the unfolding Watergate testimony. But the other 43 members of the Senate and the 435 members of the House have been conducting business as usual. And, as television viewers know, the panel members frequently interrupted their interrogations to vote on a roll call.

Between May 17 and the Congressional recess August 3, there were 225 roll call votes in the Senate and 216 roll call votes in the House. Congress passed and sent to the White House more than 50 bills that were signed into law.

During the five days of John Dean's testimony, there were 156 meetings of Senate, House and joint committees and subcommittees. There were 114 such sessions during the three days of John Mitchell's testimony and 292 meeting during the seven days of John Ehrlichman and Bob Haldeman.

In recent months, Congress has completed action on such substantive issues as farm policy, the highway trust fund, public broadcasting authorization, law enforcement assistance, and minimum wage. It also forced a cutoff in the bombing of Cambodia and passed bills limiting the President's war powers and his right to impound funds appropriated by Congress.

BERRY'S WORLD



"I found this shell on your beach. If it doesn't have a microphone, may I keep it?"

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Area
Highlights

ST. JOSEPH, MICH. FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 1973



COLOMA FIRE: Eighteen-month-old Tracy Kennemer was pulled through bedroom window of this Coloma township cottage by neighbor Dale Williams shortly after fire broke out yesterday morning, according to Norm Smith, Coloma fire department captain. Smith said girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Kennemer were out of cottage when Williams saw smoke and broke window to pull out the girl. Cottage on Paw Paw Lake road was rented by Kennemers from owner Frank Hardy of Coloma. Fire, believed started around electrical wiring in kitchen, destroyed cottage and Kennemer's personal belongings, according to Smith. (Cliff Stevens photo)

Gas Station Attendant Is Robbed Second Time

Armed robbers struck three times in Benton township and Benton Harbor last night, holding up a gas station, a drive-in theater and two men walking in a park.

The Checker gas station, 1242 M-139, Benton township, was robbed at about 9:50 p.m., for

the second time in less than two weeks.

Attendant Randy Slabaugh, 17, told state police from the Benton Harbor post that one of two men who approached him as he was preparing to close for the night drew a handgun and demanded money.



CLIFF-HANGER: Top photo shows car that plunged over edge of cliff along bluffs in 3300 block of Lakeshore drive, St. Joseph, while lower photo illustrates scene of mishap. St. Joseph police said the occupants of vehicle, Gordon R. Brown and Glenda Brown, escaped without injuries, but Gordon Brown, the driver, was ticketed for reckless driving. Car plunged down cliff about 20 feet and caught fire, but was extinguished by St. Joseph firemen. Police said car was northbound on Lakeshore when it veered across road and ran off cliff, which has drop of about 100 feet. (Staff photos)

Grand Rapids Man Gets 5-15 Years For Break-In

Louis Tucker, 22, was sentenced Thursday by Berrien Circuit Judge Julian Hughes to serve 5 to 15 years in prison for breaking and entering.

Tucker, of Grand Rapids, had pleaded guilty to breaking and entering a house belonging to Fred Schaffer on Blue Creek road in Benton township July 5.

Judge Hughes also sentenced: Cleavon Russell Bradshaw, Jr., 18, of 902 North Red Bud trail, Buchanan, to 3 to 15 years in prison for a plea of guilty to unarmed robbery of about \$80 from Matt Blackwell at the Quik-

Service store, 207 South Oak street, Buchanan, Jan. 25.

Lethalbert Jones, 17, of 322 Arctic street, Buchanan, 2½ to 5 years for a guilty plea to attempted armed robbery at the Quik-Service store in Buchanan Jan. 25.

Frank Henderson, III, 50, of 524 South Fifth street, Niles, one year probation, 30 days in jail and \$500 in fine and cost for a guilty plea to carrying a concealed weapon, a revolver April 20 on south Third street in Niles.

BH Panel Calls Special Meeting

The Benton Harbor charter commission will hold a special meeting Wednesday to review a request for recall of the proposed new city charter from the governor's office.

The meeting scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m. at city hall was called by Victor Greer, charter commission chairman, after the Benton Harbor city commission requested recall of the proposed charter last Monday.

The city commission said the charter needs more study particularly in the area of a merit system for municipal employees.

The Benton Harbor city clerk's office also announced that Jan. 8 has been approved by the Berrien county special elections committee as the date for a charter election.

Greer said today "I cannot say I am in favor of recalling the proposed charter until I sit down with the city commission and discuss what the problem areas are."

Greer said he also feels the city commission was a "little lax" in reviewing the proposed charter prior to its submission to the governor. "I did not anticipate a request for recall this late in the game."

BH Board Plans For State Aid

Benton Harbor board of education Thursday approved budgets that are intended to bring \$548,000 in compensatory education programs into the district.

The biggest slice is \$446,545 in special state aid that will be used to raise the academic levels of 2,255 youngsters throughout the district. The budget has received tentative approval from the State Department of Education.

The Distar program at Seely McCord school is scheduled to get \$76,721 in Model Cities funds to improve achievement and incentive to learn of children in kindergarten, first and second grades at Seely McCord school.

A project at Henry C. Morton school to boost attendance among kindergartners and first graders is slated to get a Model Cities grant of \$25,211. The program is based on contacts with homes where children have high absenteeism and followup work in the classroom.

Earlier this month the board approved a tentative budget of \$687,273 for compensatory education under Title I of the Federal Elementary and Second-

dary at for a total of \$1.2 million to date.

Richard Heiser, assistant superintendent for education, said the board's action would permit the programs to start immediately. The special state aid funds could be changed by the State Department of Education, but there appears no chance the state will be as tardy as 1969-70 when the money didn't arrive until March.

Distar and the attendance project will be starting their second year. Heiser explained that Distar was once was an acronym, but there were revisions in the program and it's just Distar.

Burger Stays Spending Order

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice Warren E. Burger has stayed a lower court order requiring the Nixon administration to spend housing aid appropriated by Congress.

The stay, issued Thursday, applies pending the outcome of the administration's appeal of the lower court decision.

Hartford School Tax Levy Up 4.09 Mills

HARTFORD — A school tax levy of 29.77 mills for the 1973-74 school year was set by the Hartford school board last night, an increase of 4.09 mills over last year's levy.

The rate will bring 22 mills for school operation, up .32 mills from last year, and 7.77 mills for debt retirement, an increase of 3.77 mills.

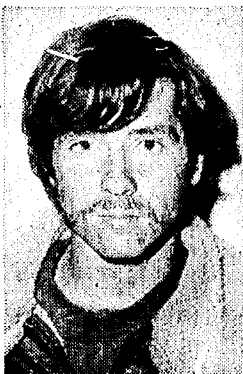
Supt. Gary Waterkamp said the increase in the operating levy was necessary for the district to receive full state aid. The additional mills for the debt retirement is for the new middle school building program approved by voters last June.

The total levy includes 8.58 mills allocated, reduced .10 by the county from last year, and 13.42 extra-voted mills.

Waterkamp said the district has 14 mills extra-voted that could be levied, but school officials felt 13.42 was all that would be needed to receive state aid.

The millage rate will raise about \$681,000 in local taxes, with \$500,000 of this for operation and \$181,000 aimed for debt retirement.

The district's projected operating budget for 1973-74 is about \$1.5 million.



RANDY SLABAUGH
Robbed Second Time

Hurt In Crash

George Schneider, 78, of route 4, Benton Harbor, was listed in fair condition this morning at Mercy hospital after a one-car crash in Benton township yesterday morning.

Berrien sheriff's officers said Schneider was injured when his car slid off rain-slicked Napier avenue, west of Benton Center road. He was charged with driving too fast for conditions and operating defective equipment, bald tires.



RESTAURANT BURNS: Tri-Unit firemen last night battled a blaze which extensively damaged the Stone Hut restaurant at Scottdale, Royalton township. Fire apparently began in the kitchen area, then spread through the ceiling and roof, according to Lloyd Both, Tri-Unit fire chief. A beauty shop and real estate office on either side of the restaurant received only slight smoke damage. Firemen from the Tri-Unit Royalton and Stevensville stations were on the scene from about 11 p.m. to about 1 a.m. Restaurant was closed at time of fire. (C.C. Brooks photo)

Van Buren Officials Trying To Block Covert Rockfest

BY STEVE MCQUOWN
Paw Paw Bureau

COVERT — Van Buren county officials indicated today that they may seek an injunction to prevent a festival from being held here over the weekend.

County health department officials say "we now have the tools" to obtain an injunction that would legally block the festival scheduled to begin Saturday afternoon and end Monday afternoon.

Les Brown, acting director, hinted at the injunctive procedure after disclosing this morning that county and state health department officials had agreed to deny the festival's sponsors a rally license required by state law.

But the Rev. Daniel Gorham of Chicago said this morning that "I see no reason why we can't go ahead with the festival."

He said the major problem of supplying chlorinated drinking water to the festival site had been solved and that the South Haven fire department would supply the water.

But Brown contacted the fire department this morning and quoted fire officials as denying that any such arrangements had been made with its department.

Brown said in a press release issued this morning that proposals for sanitation facilities at the festival site had been reviewed by the county and state departments of health and the county prosecutor.

All agreed, Brown said, that a rally license would be denied.

He said Father Gorham was notified of the decision at 6:30 p.m. last night and that "Father Gorham agreed at that time that the festival should not be held."

Father Gorham said in a telephone interview this morning that drinking water was the only major unsettled problem preventing the festival.

County health officials, however, said they were not totally satisfied with arrangements for food handling, garbage and sewage disposal, as well as drinking water.

Father Gorham has described

the proposed festival as a religious retreat, but some newspapers have billed it as the Vineyard Rock Festival.

Proceeds from the proposed event are earmarked for foster homes in the Chicago area, according to Father Gorham.

Niles Executives Named



FRANK E. CALLENDER



DONALD R. GROENLEER

NILES — First Federal Savings and Loan association of Niles has announced the appointment of Frank E. Callender of Stevensville as vice president and Donald R. Groenleer of Niles as controller.

According to Robert E. Bean, First Federal president, Callender will be responsible for all consumer credit lending and the installment loan department.

Callender was employed by First Federal in January after nine years with Farmers and Merchants National bank of Benton Harbor.

Groenleer will be responsible for the preparation of all financial reports and internal auditing, Bean said.

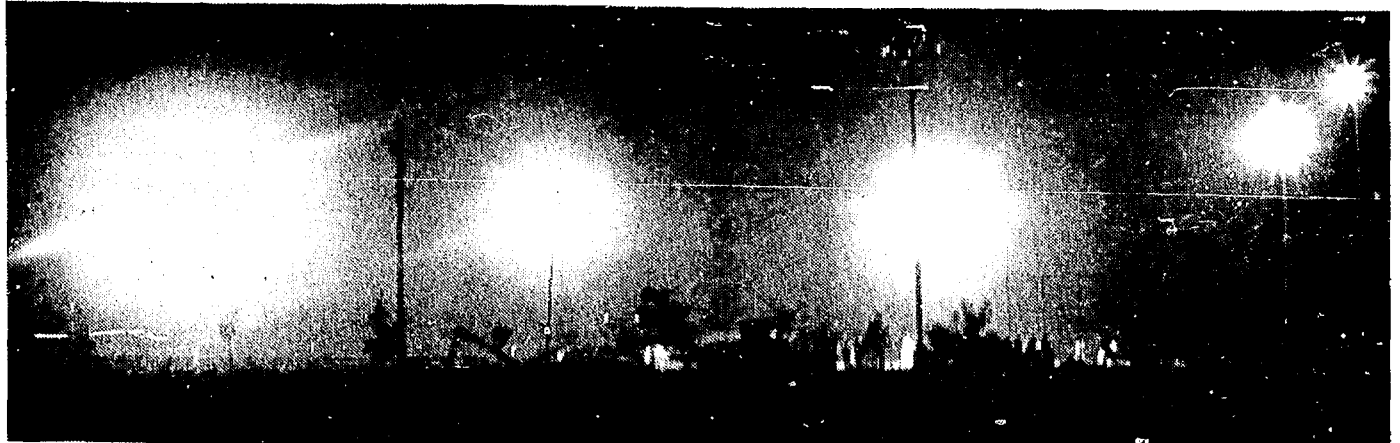
Groenleer is a 1970 graduate of Western Michigan university. In April he obtained his certified public accountant certificate. He formerly was employed as a staff accountant with Coopers and Lybrand, accountants, of Niles.

Peoples Still Lending

An Associated Press article which appeared in this newspaper Thursday was in error in reporting a Benton Harbor savings and loan institution had stopped taking mortgage applications because of the nationwide credit crunch.

"We made around \$1 million worth of loans last month and are still very much in the lending market," said Robert Durren, president of Peoples Savings Association of Benton Harbor. "We are still making loans up to 95 per cent."

Apparently the AP writer confused the Benton Harbor firm with St. Joseph Savings and Loan Association which last week announced it had temporarily stopped taking mortgage applications



LITTLE LEAGUE DREAM COMES TRUE: Little Leaguers realized a dream last night when they played All-Star game under lights for first time as a result of a \$34,167 project at two Eaton Park baseball diamonds in St. Joseph township. North Lincoln

Little League paid \$5,000 toward lights. The township parks board picked up a reported \$8,470 of the tab while bulk of money, \$20,697, came from federal revenue sharing funds. (Staff photo)

Bridgman Man Wounded By Shot From Car

BRIDGMAN — A shotgun blast fired from a passing car on Lake street here resulted in the hospitalization of an 18-year-old pedestrian early this morning, according to Bridgman city police.

The pedestrian, Randy Chancy, 18, 533 Lake street, Bridgman, told police he was walking near his home

about 1:20 a.m. when the shot was fired from a passing car.

Chancy was listed in good condition this morning in St. Joseph Memorial hospital. According to police, Chancy received wounds to the foot.

Bridgman Chief Mike Pedde said this morning that no witnesses to the shooting had as yet been found

and that the make and model year of the car involved is not known.

Pedde said he knew of no motivation for the shooting.

Chancy is employed at Pemco corporation, Bridgman.